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FOR: PHOTOLUMINESCENT DISPLAY DEVICES AND METHODS FOR MAKING

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Before beginning examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 1-32.

Please add new claims 33-64 as follows:

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33. (New) An optoelectronic display device of high brightness and high contrast comprising at least one thin photoluminescent layer that is characterized in a high degree of polarization in its absorption and that is characterized in an emission which is either polarized or not, wherein said layer has a thickness of less than about 1 mm and a dichroic ratio in its absorption of more than about 5.